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BETWEEN 9am & 5pm Monday to Friday

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (OF) 6th Sunday after Pentecost (EF) 17th July 2022

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

Day	Date	Saint Wilfrid's	Time	Saint Joseph's	Time
Saturday	July 16 th	Priest's Intention	5.00pm		
Sunday	July 17 th			People of the Parish Intentions of Nancy O'Sullivan	10.00am Midday
Monday	July 18 th	Stanley Sosabowski	10.00am		
Tuesday	July 19 th			Jean McCormick	12.05pm
Wed	July 20 th			George and Mona McGowan	12.05pm
Thursday	July 21 st			Holy Souls	7.45
Friday feast St Mary Magdalene	July 22 nd	Fr Michael Keoghan	10.00am	Mary Wright	12.05pm
Saturday	July 23 rd	People of the Parish	5.00pm	Intentions of Joseph Devitt (birthday)	11.00am (EF)
Sunday World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly	July 24 th			Eve Smith Fr Tom Burke	10.00am Midday

"E F" = EXTRAORDINARY FORM OF THE MASS IN LATIN ACCORDING TO 1962 ROMAN MISSAL

Confessions: - St Joseph's: Saturday 12-12.30 and Wednesday after Mass

St Wilfrid's - before Mass on Saturday

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Wednesday 11 - 11.55

NO Benediction and Vespers UNTIL September African Mass 2.00pm LAST Sunday of the Month

We extend a very warm welcome to James Baxter, Monsieur L'Abbe who joins us for the weekend of July 23rd/24th

James, who is a former Newcastle University student, is about to begin his third year with the Institute of Christ the King in Italy.

We ask you all to keep him in your prayers as he continues his journey towards Priesthood

“Mary has chosen the better part”

Fr James S Doherty

What did Jesus mean? What is Luke teaching us here?

Our sympathies are initially with Martha preparing the evening meal, waiting on Jesus every physical need. “*Please tell my sister to help me*”; Martha the busy housewife, Mary the quiet dreamer, happy with a book or listening to music, always relying on Martha doing the housework.

St Luke would be astonished if we interpreted Jesus as teaching that the contemplative life of prayer in a convent was better than marriage and an active life in the world. Neither Jesus nor St Luke is saying it is better to be a Mary than a Martha. We can always find a quotation in the Bible to support all opinions under the sun: especially if we take the quotation out of context; but that is always unjust to the author and very misleading.

St Luke’s Gospel from start to finish teaches us that discipleship is the call to active service of neighbour. The visit to the home of Martha and Mary comes immediately after the parable of the Good Samaritan where Jesus tells the Jewish lawyer to “*Go and do the same*” as the Samaritan who cared for the injured man, “*if you wish to enter into life*” It is **not either** you are a Mary or a Martha; **not EITHER/OR**: but **BOTH/AND**; we must be **BOTH a Mary AND a Martha**. Like Martha we must be busy with many things in the service of others; **BUT ALSO** we need those Mary moments of prayer, silence, listening and relaxation or else our active lives will lead to burn out. We need to recharge our batteries daily or else we become workaholics and our Martha moments become sterile. Jesus does not want workaholics, nor does He want people who are so heavenly minded that they are no earthly good. Mary moments are the better part because they make the Martha moments fruitful.

Like Mary we must become good listeners to others, especially to our guests, family and friends and to all in need:

Parents – listen to your children as they come out of school, switch off your mobile phones, and turn your full attention to your child

Meals on Wheels Provider – spend time with the elderly at home before moving on to the next customer

Nurses and Doctors – give time to sit by the bedside of your patients, and truly get to know them. Listen and touch, hold your patient’s hand. This is not wasting time or being unprofessional, on the contrary, your expertise and medical training will have more effect if your patient experiences the warmth of your human love.

The best of all medicine is love.

St Luke doesn’t tell us how the rest of the evening went along; “Martha you worry and fret about many things, come and join us” perhaps the meal was put on hold, perhaps Jesus wasn’t yet hungry, perhaps after a long busy and tiring day what was really needed was just a kindly listening ear; some human warmth and understanding.

My guess is that all three ended up in the kitchen peeling potatoes and chatting as they prepared the meal together. Martha is a great saint; her feast day is 29th July. Like all of us she had to learn to listen and to be sensitive to the **real** needs of our neighbour.

Jesus wants to be the guest in our homes; He wants to share in all the joys and sorrows of family life, He wants us to **LISTEN** to His word and to put it into practice.

Listening is the one thing necessary, because until we have heard His word we cannot do as He asks. Jesus invites us not to be anxious over material needs. Like Mary, seek first the Kingdom of God and the material things will be added as well.

Mary chose the better part because the better part is **quality time**, time to cultivate true friendship with God and with family and friends, time to forget work and take a family holiday. Man was made for leisure not work; work is a means to leisure. This is a treasure we must not forget, or else the better part of life will pass us by and at the end of life we will be left wondering what all our fretting and spent energy were all about.

VERY IMPORTANT: ARE YOU, MR. FILIPE MATSIMBE? PLEASE MAKE YOURSELF KNOWN TO CANON MICHAEL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Do you know who Mr. Filipe Matsimbe is? Please speak to Canon Michael.

St Wilfrid's Summer Garden Party
Save the date AUGUST 14th

We are planning a summer garden party with a shared table, teas/coffees and refreshments for all. We are seeking tombola and raffle prizes for the event, please be as generous as you can be. Prizes may be left in the church porch or handed to Steven Hogarth.

Teas and Coffees are served in the John Ingram room after Mass on Saturday and in the hall after Mass on Tuesday, please come and join us, ALL are welcome

Book Club

We are reading 'The Monk', a novel by Matthew Lewis and will meet to discuss on Wednesday July 20th at 7.00pm all are welcome.

CMUK/St Joseph's Men

Meet on **Saturday** mornings at **7.00am** for Exposition, Bible reading and breakfast, **all are welcome** to **Exposition** and **all men are welcome to Bible and breakfast.**

New Parishioner and Updated Information

Please complete one of the forms available at Church and send back to us. If you want this form emailed to you, please let us know and then you can complete it on your own computer and email it back to us.

How can we make our church community more vibrant and welcoming? How can we encourage others to become members of our community? How can we support each other on our faith journey? If you have any ideas for groups or clubs or activities you would like to see set up or be part of please email the office.

Don't forget about the Mexican family fun afternoon coming up on September 11th – SAVE the DATE

BEGINNING in SEPTEMBER

The Good Shepherd catechesis programme

For children aged 3-7yrs proposed beginning Monday 12th September 4pm

Baptism and First Holy Communion preparation sessions

For any child over the age of 7 who would like to be baptised or received into the church and/or to make their first Holy Communion, beginning Wednesday 7th September at 4.15pm

Youth Choir

For children aged 8-13yrs, no experience necessary, just an interest in singing, date and time to be arranged

For all of the above parents MUST REGISTER their children BEFORE END of AUGUST. Registration forms are available at the back of church or from the office and must be returned to the office.

Income July 2022

For St Joseph's 3rd and 10th

Loose Plate: - £495.29 Gift Aid: - £161
Apostleship to Sea: - £50 Donations: - £43
candles: - £34.55 newspapers: - £3
Car park: - £6 Room hire: - £48

St Wilfrid's 10th July

Loose Plate: £185 Gift Aid: £59.50
Donation: £25 Apostleship to sea: £22



I am hoping to produce a Christmas magazine to raise much needed funds for the parish. The magazine will have a mixture of informative, fun and interesting articles, jokes, games, recipes and titbits. In order to make it a success I am asking you all to begin to think about how you can contribute. Please watch this space for more information.

PLEASE READ the notice boards at the back of church for news and events throughout the Diocese.

VERY IMPORTANT: ARE YOU, KATIE REBECCA WOOD? PLEASE MAKE YOURSELF KNOWN TO CANON MICHAEL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Do you know who Katie Rebecca Wood is? Please speak to Canon Michael.

PARENTS

Please take responsibility for your children. If they use the children's library please help them to return it to its tidy self, books upright on the shelves, chairs placed back ready for the next child etc.

If your child plays with the stones around the church please ensure he/she puts them back into the proper place and does not leave them strewn around the ground where they become a hazard and an eyesore!

Thank you for your co-operation

BOOK of REMEMBRANCE

If you would like to have the name of a deceased relative or friend placed in the book of remembrance please put the **name** and **death anniversary date** along with a **donation** into an envelope and hand it into the office or place on the collection plate.

Please submit new names for entry as soon as possible in order for the book to be updated soon.

GREGG'S FOOD VOUCHERS

Thank you to all those who have donated gift vouchers, they are very much appreciated

Blessed John Ingram

50th Annual Walk takes place July 24th why not join in? John Ingram was martyred here in Gateshead and we have a plaque dedicated to him at the back of St Joseph's church where you will also find some leaflets about him.

The piety stall sells cards and Rosary beads featuring Blessed John Ingram

Flower Arranging Workshop

Would you like to learn how to arrange flower displays? Are you interested in spending some time with others in an informal, fun, social setting?

Do you want to learn something new or improve a skill you already possess?

Would you like to contribute to parish funds?

If you answer YES to any of the above please register your interest on the list at the back of church.

Do you have a spare 10 minutes every so often? Could you use those minutes to help in the church? We need cleaners to keep the place clean, tidy and welcoming. There is a list of tasks to do and the more volunteers we have the fewer tasks each person has to undertake. You do not have to commit to helping weekly or even fortnightly, as long as you fill in a volunteer's form and references are satisfactory you can help out whenever you are able and the office is open.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Fr Dermott Donnelly and for his loved ones and many friends - all of whom will be shocked and saddened at his death.

Fr Dermott had only recently celebrated his 30th anniversary of service to parish, community, Diocese and our faith. He will be sorely missed for his energy, enthusiasm and ability to engage with all who met him.

This is particularly true of his work with young people and youth ministry in the Diocese - bringing many disadvantaged and dispirited young people to Christ and Catholicism. Fr. Dermott truly lived his faith, and in doing so gave so much to others. It is with great gratitude that we will remember him and all he selflessly gave.

Please take this Newsletter home with you so that you know what's happening in your parish this week

Are You Being Called?

You might be thinking: "I've got this niggling feeling that Our Lord might be asking me to follow him by thinking of the priesthood. What can I do to find out?"

Visit the Diocesan webpage

[Priesthood - Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle](http://www.diocesahn.org.uk)
([diocesahn.org.uk](http://www.diocesahn.org.uk))

Diocesan Vacancies

Please visit www.diocesahn.org.uk for full details or contact 0191 243 3301.

If you have anything you would like to be put in the newsletter please email or hand in to the office before mid-day on a Thursday.